

Global Climate Solutions Declaration

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Based on conclusive scientific evidence, we recognize that global climate change is a grave threat to our people, our environment, and our respective ways of life. Therefore, we resolve to act quickly to stabilize the atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases to avoid the resulting catastrophic impacts to the world's ecosystems, oceans, water supplies, infrastructure, food production, and human health. The magnitude and urgency of the challenges in stabilizing the climate will require an unprecedented level of collaboration and cooperation among all levels of government around the world.

We also recognize that the transition to a low carbon society will invigorate and strengthen global, national and regional economies by enhancing energy security, increasing energy efficiency, and creating new jobs and industries that stimulate diverse, de-centralized and sustainable economic activity.

We further recognize that states and provinces from around the world, including the undersigned, have embarked on a journey to pursue innovative actions and policies to address climate change. This declaration is another step that strengthens and advances our shared vision for long-term cooperative action. We seek to create a low carbon society and enhance energy security by providing ongoing support to our national governments as they combat climate change.

Today, we come together in state-province partnership to help advance the ongoing international efforts under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, based on the following guiding principles:

- Stabilize atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases to avoid catastrophic climate change, consistent with the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change;
- Achieve quantifiable greenhouse gas emission reductions collectively while recognizing that there are common but differentiated responsibilities and capabilities among developed, developing, and transitional governments;
- Provide technical assistance to and investment in sector specific activities, including transfer of clean energy research, and assistance with development, demonstration, and deployment of climate friendly technologies, particularly in developing countries;
- Accelerate capacity building efforts targeted toward key sectors of our economies; and
- Strengthen the ability of all regions of the world to adapt to climate change and assist those that are disproportionately affected, or most likely to suffer the consequences of climate change.

To realize these principles we will work together and with our respective national governments in an effort to move toward the following goals:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions in sectors with a high potential for environmental and economic benefits including: forestry, agriculture, cement, iron and steel, aluminum, energy, and transportation;
- Employ those actions that are most suited to providing mutually beneficial outcomes, including technology transfer, incentive programs, sharing of best practices and market- or non market-based programs;
- Pursue opportunities among the undersigned that complement existing efforts to further explore specific mitigation and adaptation strategies;
- Scale up investments in climate friendly technologies and strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change;

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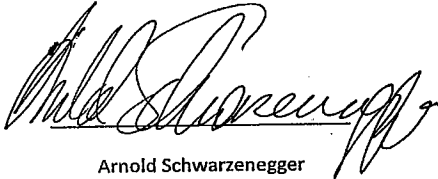
- Grow our economies and enhance overall quality of life through research, development and deployment of technologies that will reduce greenhouse gases;
- Focus research, development and deployment activities on energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies, zero- and low-carbon electricity generation and fuels, improved mobility through better planning and transportation infrastructure, biological carbon sequestration, climate change impacts and adaptation;
- Foster exchanges between researchers and educators to strengthen the global climate change knowledge base by building upon existing relationships between academic and laboratory researchers, as well as international student exchange programs; and
- Accelerate capacity building for development of monitoring and reporting programs that provide transparent, coordinated and consistent measurement, and verification of greenhouse gas emissions to ensure environmental integrity;

To build this partnership we will work together to actively solicit the support of governments at all levels and coordinate our activities with national climate change programs.

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United States of America



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Governor, State of California



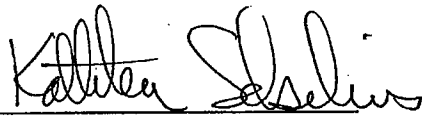
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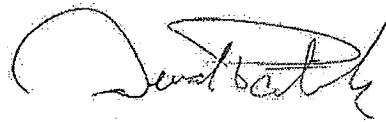
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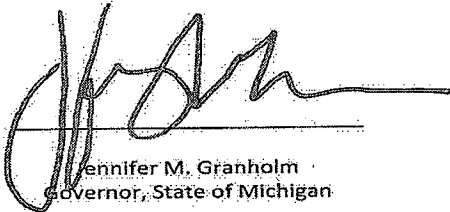
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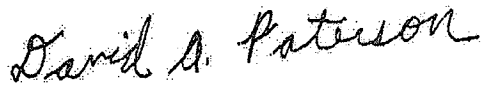
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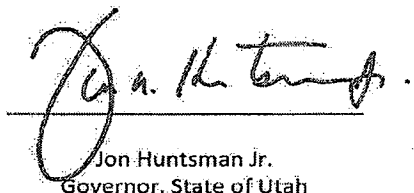
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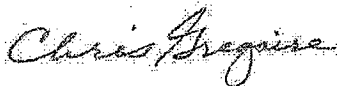
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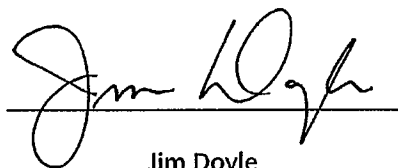
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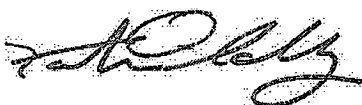
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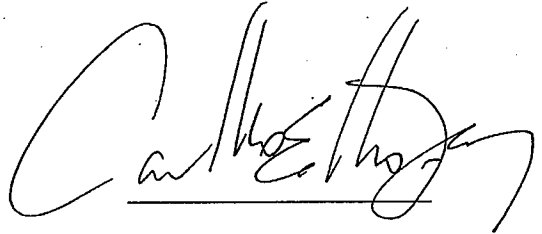
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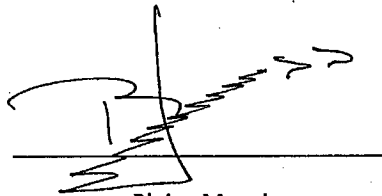
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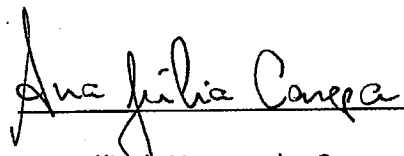
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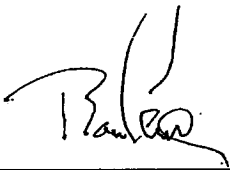

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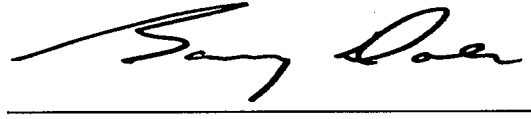

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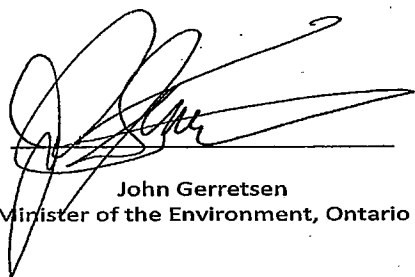

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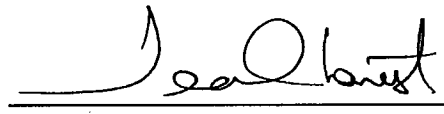

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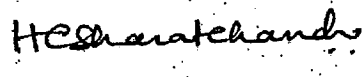

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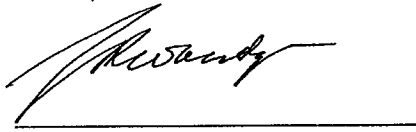
Republic of India


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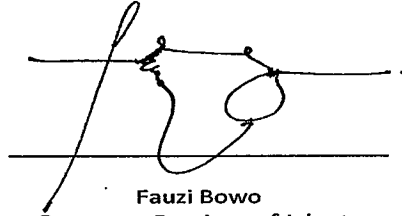
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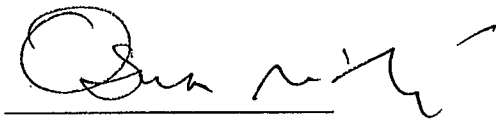


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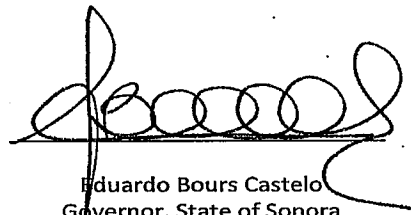


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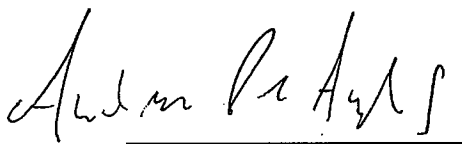


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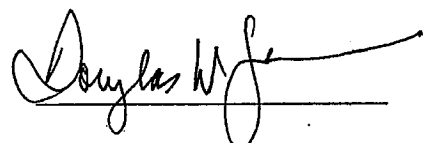


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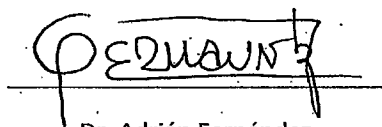
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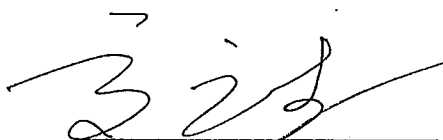


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